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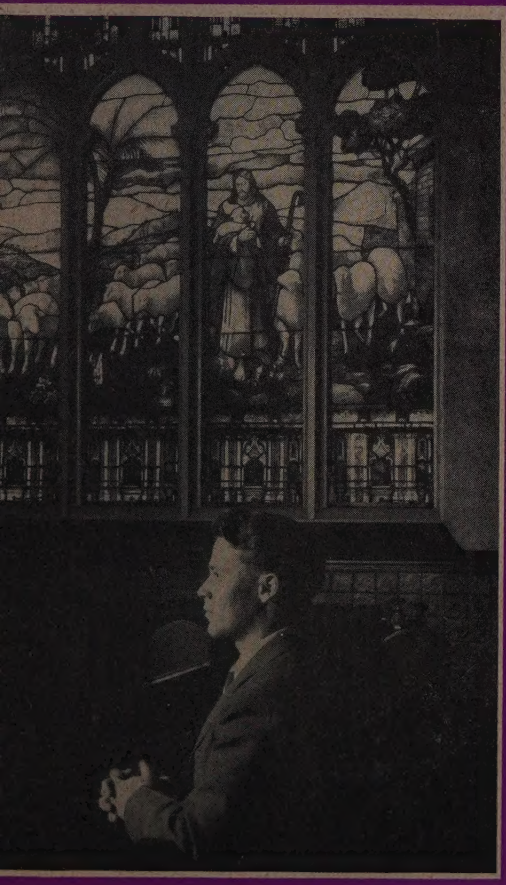

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Prayer

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
Unuttered or expressed,
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try,
Prayer is the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but heaven is near.

O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer, Thyself has trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray.

—James Montgomery

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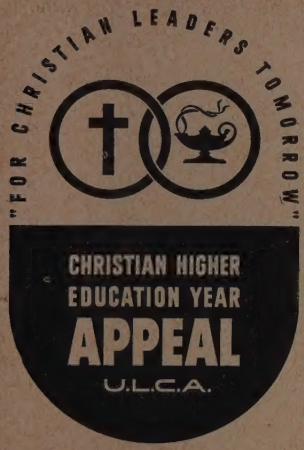

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just what we make of it. Many otestants have feared forms and asons because they have so often come an encouragement to for-lism. Forms only become formal-n when they have lost their spiri-al motivation. I have known Lu-erans to argue against keeping nt because it may become mere m or a kind of work righteous-ss. On the same grounds they uld well refuse to pray the Lord's ayer or refuse to do any merci-works. Lent can become a bless-g in our lives if we put our arts into its observance. A good end, editor of a newspaper, is lled upon for a great deal of eaking before clubs and other or-nizations. He refuses all such in-ations during Lent. His reason — have more time for spiritual re-shment and for merciful work.

The Laymen

Leave it to the ministers,
And soon the church will die;
Leave it to the women folks,
The young will pass it by,
For the Church is all that lifts
Us from the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper
Needs a layman on the job.

When you see a church that's empty,
Though its doors are open wide,
It is not the church that's dying;
It's the laymen who have died.
For it's not by song or sermon
That the church's work is done,
It's the laymen of the country
Who for God must carry on.

—Edgar A. Guest

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Students

at Roanoke College are doing their part for the CHEY campaign, and have set up a speaker's bureau, with both men and women students available for church rallies and CHEY talks throughout Southwestern Virginia. Faculty members are serving in an advisory capacity, but students themselves will prepare the material and give the talks.

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Brown: Have any of your childhood dreams been realized?

Paul: One of them. When my mother combed my hair, I used to wish I didn't have any.

—Biblical Recorder

The Busy Communist

There is a busy communist,
As busy as can be;
He speaks and writes, and speaks again
(With strength enough for three.)

He spreads his message far and wide,
In bus and tram and train;
He'll willingly explain his creed,
He'll talk and talk again.

What pity he's without a cause,
That's worthy of his ardor.
But you're a Christian, and can you
Say you are working harder?

Anonymous

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One Great Hour of Sharing

is observed this month, March 12th.

Here are some of the promotional means you may look for.

1. Editorials in both LOOK and COLLIERS magazines the week before the One Great Hour of Sharing, March 12.

2. Mats in approximately 5,000 newspapers throughout the nation during week of February 15, supplied free of charge by the Metro Matrix and Reproduction Company, New York.

3. Bulletin services for local churches supplied by the Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the Church Calendar House at Paris, Illinois.

4. Newspaper ads being sent out by the Keister Advertising Service, Strasburg, Virginia.

5. Special services being rendered by the Religious News Service.

6. Besides the four different network broadcasts, there will be a One Great Hour of Sharing emphasis by both Dr. Sockman and Dr. Bonnell on Sunday, March 5.

7. "Religion in the News" will feature One Great Hour of Sharing on two programs.

8. Pastors who use the radio are being asked to emphasize One Great Hour of Sharing over local stations.

We should like to be able to add number 9 to this schedule. Lutheran men becoming excited about Lutheran World Action and talking about it to everyone who will listen. They will also find the men of other Protestant churches deeply interested in their own forms of foreign relief. United Lutheran Church men should be terribly ashamed that we did not reach our goal in 1949. It must not happen in 1950.

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Manners are described as a difficult symphony in B natural.

—Arkansas Baptist

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Mr. Herman H. Ochs

is a prominent busines man in San Antonio, Texas. He writes "For many years I have enjoyed reading Lutheran Men. Just received your last issue and enjoyed it." He attended the Lund Convention and has represented the American Lutheran Church on many occasions. He is president and, just now, acting superintendent of Grace Lutheran Sanatarium at San Antonio, an A.L.C. institution for the treatment of tuberculosis. Mr. Ochs also expresses

anks for the aid given the institu-on by ULCA pastors and people. would be interesting and inspiring know how many of our Lutheran ymen are giving service on the oards of our institutions of mercy.

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A tourist entered a village store d asked, "What have you in the ape of automobile tires?"

"In the shape of automobile tires?" plied the storekeeper. "Well we've t funeral wreaths, life preservers, valid cushions, and doughnuts.

—Christian Union Herald

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r. R. R. Belter,

esident of the Wartburg Synod lls us that the Chicago Conference otherhood of his Synod has given Victor Projector to Nachusa Home Children. It cost nearly $500. That an announcement that should ve more than news value. It offers good example. Men enjoy working gether for such an objective.

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"Jane is like a furnace, when it mes to practicing the piano."

"You mean she gets all steamed up out it?"

"No. If you don't watch her, she'll out."—Builders.

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ev, Herman L. Gilbert,

romotional Secretary of the For-gn Missions Board sent me a most teresting pamphlet "I Saw India." e also suggests that it can be se-ured for distribution to your men. It is written by a layman Mr. Andrew Keiding of Milwaukee. He had given the funds for a small hospital to be placed in an out-of-the-way villiage in India. So he and his wife made a trip to India "to see to his investment" as he says, and of course were received royally in India and given opportunity to see a great deal of our Lutheran work there. It is a thrilling story he tells and every Lutheran laymen should read it. Address Secretary Gilbert at 231 Madison Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

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We

like this quotation:

"Men are God's Method. The church is looking for better methods, God is looking for better men. What the church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations nor more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer—men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer . . .

"The training of the Twelve was the great, difficult, and enduring work of Christ . . . It is not great talents, nor great learning nor great preachers that God needs but men great in holiness, great in faith, great in love, great in fidelity, great for God — men always preaching by holy sermons in the pulpit, by holy lives out of it.

"These can mould a generation for God." —E. M. Bounds.

General U. S. Grant had no memory for music. On one occasion he remarked to a friend at a concert: "I only know two tunes. One is 'Yankee Doodle' and the other isn't.".

—Arkansas Baptist.

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The Wheat Ridge Foundation Scholarships

The Wheat Ridge Foundation is offering scholarships to Lutheran men and women for graduate study in medical social work for the academic year 1950-1951. These scholarships carry a stipend of $1,000.00 per year plus tuition and fees. A like amount will be offered for the second year of study if the recipient has established a satisfactory school record during his first year.

Each applicant shall agree to accept employment for at least two years with the Wheat Ridge Foundation upon completion of his social work curriculum.

The applicant shall agree to use the scholarship in a school of social work selected with the approval of the Foundation from among the schools offering a full medical social work curriculum approved by the American Association of Medical Social Workers. The names of these schools will be furnished upon request.

In order to become a candidate for a Wheat Ridge Foundation scholarship, the applicant must::

1. Agree to the provisions of the scholarship.

2. Be a member in good standing of a Lutheran congregation.

3. Possess a sincere understanding of and interest in Christian social work and demonstrate this by a letter addressed to the Foundation.

4. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (or present evidence that he will have such a degree by June 30, 1950), and have completed the courses required for admission to a school of social work offering the full curriculum in medical social work approved by The American Association of Medical Social Workers.

5. Submit an official transcript of his academic record signed by the dean or registrar of the college from which he received, or will receive, his bachelor's degree.

6. Provide a certificate of good health.

7. Provide a recent photograph.

The committee will accept applications from students who are at present studying in a school of social work and who wish to complete their studies in medical social work.

Applications for scholarship must reach the committee before April 1, 1950.

Application blanks may be secured by writing the Wheat Ridge Foundation Committee on Scholarships, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

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Kindness is a language the dumb can speak, and the deaf can hear and understand.—Bovee.

General MacArthur

as asked the Pocket Testament eague for ten million Gospels to aid the Christianization of Japan. Not 500 years has any nation afforded n opportunity such as Japan now ffers for the presentation of the Gosel of Jesus Christ, General Macrthur claimed, and added that the irect distribution of the Scriptures the surest and quickest achievement this goal. With the General's approval, the Testament League will onsor the printing of the Testaments Japan, but, until the arrangements re completed, the League reports at over 30,000 have been shipped om America in Japanese and Engsh. Missionaries in Japan have edged their cooperation as channels distribution.

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Down in Birmingham, Alabama, o Negro bootblacks were working de by side when they fell out. One the boys vowed to a friend that he as going to revenge himself on the her.

"Is yoh goin' to fight?" the friend ked fearfully.

"Naw," the other boy rejoined, Ah's gonna do wuss dan dat. When gets through polishing de next nt's shoes, Ah's goin' ter say to dat nt jus' as he steps down from de air: "Shine, sah, shine?' "

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churches are tremendous. An arle in Lutheran Companion renewed tention to the responsibility of the urch councils for adequate fire protection. Not only should there be an annual survey of the property to make sure that there are no unnecessary fire hazards, but a restudy should be made of insurance coverage. Replacement values of church property have gone up with rising costs of building. Church councils are the trustees of the love-gifts of former generations. Each church building represents the devotion of many sacrificing Christians. Good stewardship demands adequate protection against fire and all other forms of destruction.

NOTICE

The 1950 Biennial Convention of The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America will be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (The tentative dates for the meeting are October 1 - 3, 1950).

This will be a delegated convention in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. The following regulations will govern the election of official Synodical and Congregational delegates:

A. Only those Congregational Brotherhoods which have paid their 1949 or 1950 ULCA membership dues not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the 1950 ULCA Brotherhood Convention shall be entitled to send delegates.

B. A registration fee of $2.00 for each delegate shall accompany the Synodical and Congregational delegate registration blanks to Brotherhood Headquarters.

Columbia, South America is a Roman Catholic nation. We in America have little concept of the Roman church as it is in countries where it is a monopoly. A Roman Catholic layman said to a friend of mine just recently that it was good for his church to be in a nation where Protestantism was strong. The Evangelical Lutheran Church has 17 workers in Columbia. In the last political election the winning party was anti-protestant. The fever heat of politics stirred the fires of persecution. Considerable mission property was destroyed in the rioting and the missionaries only reached Bogota after many harrowing experiences. The days of persecution are by no means over.

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CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION YEAR APPEAL

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Box 926
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December 13, 1949

Ralph J. Wohlsen, President
U.L.C.A. Brotherhood
P.O.Box 696
Bridgeport 1, Conn.

Dear Mr. Wohlsen:

Thank you for your letter to the CHEY Directors. In the Virginia Synod we are already working out a very close cooperation with the Brotherhood.

Mr. F. C. Hamer has been appointed the Brotherhood CHEY Chairman. He is also a member of the Synodical Directing Committee and attended the Southern Regional Conference at Charlotte, N. C. Together we are working out a united appeal for CHEY. The spirit manifested by the Brotherhood is indeed appreciated.

With all good wishes.

Cordially yours,

Melvin S. Lange

Director
Lutheran Synod of Virginia

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"FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS TOMORROW"

Presidential Message

DEAR BROTHERS:

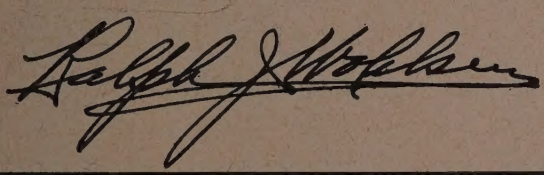
The following is a quotation from Mr. Frank Abrams, Chairman of the Board of the Standard Oil Company.

"If our private so-called independent colleges and universities, because of lack of financial support, are absorbed into a State educational system, or become wards of the Federal Government, American higher education would be seriously weakened, and we would be well on the road toward socialism and the destruction of free enterprise economy".

"Industry" realizes the great importance of the independent college as well as our Church sees its influence on the world.

ALL of our Church colleges and seminaries are so-called independent institutions. THEY ALL NEED OUR HELP NOW! Work for and support C.H.E.Y.

Yours in Christian Brotherhood,



The Executive Secretary's MONTHLY MESSAGE

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER,
Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Penna.

The Christian Higher Education Year Appeal

Your Secretary is glad to make this page available for the presentation of these challenging CHEY views by two prominent Brotherhood Leaders.

Mr. Ralph J. Wohlsen:

"The results of this administration's effort for the activation of our men in the full program of our beloved Church have been most gratifying as a

whole. This fact is evidenced by letters received from Dr. C. Franklin Koch and Rev. Royal E. Lesher of the Board of Social Missions regarding the Brotherhood's assistance and cooperation in the EVANGELISM program still in progress; Dr. Gould Wickey of the Board of Education, and Dr. Rees Edgar Tulloss, Director of CHEY, for our cooperation in the CHEY Appeal; Dr. Paul C. Empie and others for our cooperation in LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION, and many other Pastors on the Synodical level.

"Our future in this regard is whatever programs the Church approves. This shall be the program of the Brotherhood. At the present time we must all use every effort at our command to make the CHEY appeal over-subscribed, as members of this committee and the Executive Committee as a whole. We MUST talk up this appeal, not only in our own congregations but in any and every congregation with which we come in contact. With subversive influences creeping into most institutions of higher learning today — this appeal will mould the future of the Lutheran Church. Secular institutions may furnish the world with some leadership in the future, but it will have to be the Church-controlled colleges that furnish us with CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP. This is the time — This is the test — We are "On Trial" — With God on our side, and His Holy Spirit in our hearts, plus our willingness to work for Him — we cannot and will not fail. I whole-heartedly submit this appeal to you as THE BIGGEST JOB FOR THE BROTHERHOOD TO GET BEHIND AND PUSH TO VICTORY in its history, and it offers the biggest reward: The extension of Christian influence to the youth.

The foregoing statement by President Wohlsen was included in his report prepared for the January 21st meeting of the ULCA Brotherhood Administrative Committee.

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Mr. Merwyn Fuss:

"We have a tremendous heritage as Lutherans. Sometimes perhaps we forget about it. We fail to realize the great sacrifices that have been made by those countless members who have gone ahead of us, and what they have made possible for us in this forward marching church of ours. Now it is given to you and given to me to do something about it — either to add to it or dissipate this heritage. By supporting this CHEY Appeal and making possible more effective and efficient work on the part of our colleges and seminaries, we shall be providing a worthy addition to this heritage and certainly we can do no less than that. I believe we all realize how sad a day it would be if our colleges and seminaries were to be closed.

"I believe in the Appeal because I feel it is the only way that we can save America. If the colleges and seminaries that are supported by the

Church were to be closed in America, that would be one of the surest ways o bring down her downfall. We know all the conditions that are around bout us today in the world. We have "isms" of all kinds. There is only ne effective way that we can block them and overcome them. It is not y a stockpile of atomic bombs or by superior Naval forces, large armies r tremendous air fleets, but rather by a great army of Christian men and vomen who are willing to make their lives an inspiration to those about nem.

"I believe in this Appeal because by strengthening our colleges and ur seminaries and making possible a greatly increased number of Chris- an laymen and ministers the compelling work of the Kingdom of God will e advanced and by this we will have an opportunity of really saving America. As a very humble laymen in our great church, I say to all of ou: Let us take hold of this Appeal. Let us recognize that this is our day, nd that this is our opportunity of serving our Heavenly Father in a most lorious way. Let us go out indeed as inspired workmen filled with bound- ess zeal and burning enthusiasm to tell the story of this Appeal to those vith whom we come in contact."

Brother Fuss is well known for his zeal in promoting the Church's program hrough the Brotherhood of the Maryland Synod. He served as president of the Maryland Synodical Brotherhood from June 1947 - 1949.

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MPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

"Since the Supreme Court has decreed that the only way religion can et into the curriculum of the public schools is to be bootlegged in through ome kind of educational black market, the work of the Christian college emains as the only beachhead on the American scene where the forces vhich give birth to the concept of democracy are free to introduce to the upil the sources which gave birth to the concept of democracy.

"Those forces are our historic religions.

"The Christian religion is a voice that must be heard in our generation."

CHRISTIAN COURIER

District Brotherhoods Back CHEY

Rev. A. Kenneth Hewitt,
Superintendent,
Board of American Missions
Southern Mountain Work,

Pastor Hewitt was granted a leave of bsence to become the Southeastern egional Director of CHEY with head- uarters at Charlotte, North Carolina.

"It was a great day for CHEY" in North Carolina when the six District Brotherhoods with a total attendance of some 2,000 men met, in their respective areas, at 3:00 p.m. on January 29th.

Each District devoted its entire program to the presentation of this Crusade of the Church for Christian Leaders for Tomorrow.

These men of the Church, who love their Church, as well as their children, listened intently. They caught the vision and realized the importance and imperativeness of the success of this generation's greatest challenge, in the program of CHEY.

Not only did they listen, but they proved themselves to be "not hearers only, but doers of the Word". They had learned that the Lutheran Southern Radio Committee had been offered an opportunity by the Protestant Radio Commission, to broadcast over its 97 major Radio Stations on April 16th, and that this Broadcast could be used for the presentation of Christian Highter Education, if it could be financed.

The District Brotherhoods literally "jumped at the opportunity" of financing the presentation of this great cause of the Lutheran Church, to more than two and a half million Southern listeners. Our laymen seem to want to hear and have the public hear more Lutheran Broadcasts.

In this commendable move the Brotherhood not only declares itself supporters of CHEY, but promoters of CHEY. A program with this many consecrated laymen backing it, is bound to succeed.

The Lutheran Southern Radio Committee is planning the program of the Broadcast. This Committee announces that the music on this thirty-minute program will be provided by our own Southern College singers, and it is hoped that the schedule of President Fry will permit him to deliver the message of the hour. The hour of the Broadcast and the Stations over which it may be heard will be announced later.

It is nothing new to find the well directed organization of consecrated manpower of the North Carolina Synod supporting the program of the Church. This Synodical Brotherhood has proven by its deeds that it exists literally for this purpose. Its Program in evangelism, stewardship and missions is a great factor in the rapid development of the Lutheran Church in North Carolina.

The manpower of the Church is catching the vision and is awakening to a consciousness of even greater potential power to dedicate to the cause of Christ. This awakening will insure a great Church for tomorrow.

Someone has said "Just as a church without missions is a church without a heart, a church without Christian Higher Education is a church without a head." The men of North Carolina are going to make sure that the Lutheran Church has both a big heart and a strong mind.

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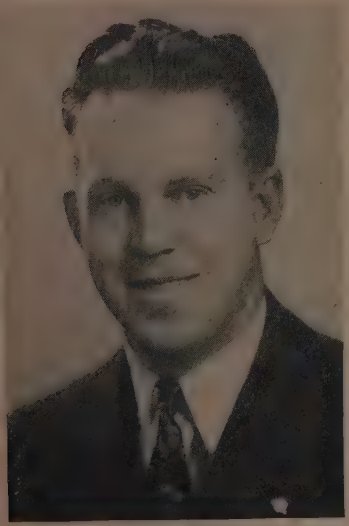
"All the mechanical toys you make seem to be very successful," said the visitor.

"Yes," said the inventor. "I've had only one failure."

"What was the matter with it?" asked the visitor.

"Too lifelike. It was a toy tramp, and it wouldn't work," came the reply.—Watchman-Examiner.

Brother of the Month!



LeRoy W. Johnson, Salem, Oregon
President, Pacific Synodical
Brotherhood

The following biography of Brother Johnson was prepared at our request. You need not wonder after reading his biography why the Brotherhood work is making great strides on the Pacific Coast.

"I was born approximately 30 years ago at Longmont, Colorado on my father's farm. I attended a country grade school nearby and then drove to high school at Longmont. I started farming on my own in 1936 and farmed my way through the University of Colorado, graduating in 1942 with a B.S. in Business. I was baptized and confirmed in the First Lutheran Church at Longmont, Colorado (Augustana Synod). Attended Sunday School as regularly as possible, living on a farm some distance from the church. I have always been interested in Brotherhood work, having taken part in meetings in my home church before going to college. While at college I was active in the Lutheran Student Association of America and helped with the Ashram at Estes Park, Colorado, in 1941.

"I met my lovely wife while in the University at the L.S.A. meetings. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church at Boulder, Colo.

"Upon graduating from the Business School in 1942, I enlisted in the U. S. Navy and was sent to Midshipman School at Notre Dame University, from which I graduated with the commission of Ensign. My wife and I were married upon graduation from Notre Dame, and I was ordered aboard the USS Portland as an assistant gunning officer a short time later. I served on this ship for 3-½ years and saw action in the Aleutian campaign, New Guinea, Leyte, and many other campaigns and ended up at Okinawa. The climax was the accepting of the treaty on board my ship from the Japanese Commander of the Mariannias. I helped with the Service Men's Christian League on board ship and tried to lend a helping hand at Sunday services whenever possible.

"At the conclusion of the war, I was one of the lucky ones to return and to start living all over again. I didn't go back to the farm but associated myself with the Interstate Tractor & Engine Company, Salem, Oregon and I am now territorial manager.

"I was president of our Men's Club at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in 1947 and have been Pacific Synodical Brotherhood president for the past two years.

"I feel we have accomplished a great deal in the past two years but a lot of work is yet to be done. I pray that we can continue to grow in spirit and in numbers."

New York

Synod Executive Committee Endorses Brotherhood Reorganization Plans

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Synod of New York a recommendation by Dr. F. R. Knubel, the Synod's President, was unanimously adopted, expressing the Synod's great interest in the Brotherhood's work and program and promising its full support and requesting the Conference Presidents to use their best efforts to assist in the reorganization of the Synodical Brotherhood. Thus, leading pastors and laymen documented their wish to have a strong and active Men's Auxiliary in the New York Synod.

At the same time Synodical Brotherhood President Hans. P. Treuenfels called a meeting of the enlarged Executive Committee of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Synod of New York for Saturday, March 18th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Parish House of St. Peter's Church, 54th St., at Lexington Avenue, New York City, to consider the new constitution, program, convention and other important matters.

West Virginia

The 19th annual convention of the West Virginia Syondical Brotherhood was held in First English Lutheran Church, Wheeling, West Virginia, on Sunday, October 9, 1949. Dr. Amos John Traver preached the sermon at the morning service and also spoke at the afternoon session.

The following digest of the convention appeared in "Brotherhood Breezes", the monthly publication of the Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Charleston, West Va.:

"The Convention approved President's Lindow's recommendations:

1. That the annual dues of our Synodical Brotherhood be fixed at twenty-five cents per member, beginning with this convention.

2. That the next annual convention of our Synodical Brotherhood be held in the form of a Laymen's Retreat, allowing some time for the necessary business of our organization such as the election of officers.

3. That the next convention of the Synodical Brotherhood be held at Jackson's Mill, probably about the middle of October, 1950, subject to the final approval of the camp authorities, who have indicated tenta-

vely that they expect to be able to ake care of our men at that time, r on such other date as may be atisfactory to the State 4-H Camp.

4. That the Brotherhood accept a roposed project to help send the utstanding boy camper of the past eason at Camp Luther to a leading utheran camp during next summer, or a period of one year only, after vhich this and other projects can be urther appraised.

5. That the ten revised Objectives dopted by the biennial convention f The Brotherhood of the United utheran Church in America in)ctober, 1948, be specifically ap-roved as the Objectives of the ynodical Brotherhood.

6. That the proposed By-Laws ecommended by a special commit-e be adopted at this year's conven-on, and their recommended con-itution at the next annual conven-on.

7. That the new president of the ynodical Brotherhood attend the 950 convention of the Brotherhood f the United Lutheran Church in merica at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, ctober 1 - 3.

The new Synodical Brotherhood fficers for 1949-50 are:

resident: Oscar H. Lindow, Charles-ton (re-elected for second term).

ice President: Paul Spring, Wheel-ing.

ecretary: D. F. Peyton, Charleston.

reasurer: Elmer Sanders, Parkers-burg.

Member of Executive Committee for three years: G. C. Sellers, Fairmont.

Rules of the Game!

In promoting Brotherhoods, like everything else, follow the rules! Be sure to have a program, and have it planned in advance. Everybody knows that simply announcing a meeting without details, means no preparation has been made or completed. Men have no evenings to waste. If you have something to offer, let them know. Start on time! The late-comer may save his own time, but he wastes his neighbor's. It won't work. Don't fish with a bare hook! It's a tattle-tale way of scaring your game away. Have a worthy goal! Remember you are a Christian organization. Create an atmosphere of Christian Brotherhood. Your meetings should have a devotional season, whatever else you do.

Benjamin T. Bodie Receives Certificate of Merit

The presentation of a **Certificate of Merit** to retiring President Benjamin Bodie highlighted the closing banquet session of the Seventh Annual Convention of The Brotherhood of the Synod of South Carolina in Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, West Columbia, S.C., on November 18, 1949. The beautiful lithographed Certificate bearing the seal of the Brotherhood and signed by the President of the Synod and Brotherhood officers, was presented to Brother Bodie "For Faithful and Outstanding Service as President, 1947, 1948, 1949".

Mr. Bodie is an outstanding layman in the Brotherhood and throughout the entire church and the community in which he lives. Some of his many offices and affiliations are given below:

B. T. Bodie
A Tither of His Time

IN HIS CHURCH HE IS:

Superintendent of the Sunday School,

Member of the Church Council,

Member of the Building Committee,

Member of the CHEY Committee,

Delegate to Synod

In the Synod he is:

Member of Conference CHEY Committee,

Member of CHEY Committee of Synod,

Delegate to ULCA Convention, 1946 and 1948,

Member of Board of Trustees of Newberry College,

Secretary, Board of Trustees of Newberry College,

Member of Building and Grounds Committee, Newberry College,

Member of Building and Grounds Committee, Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary,

Member of the Board of Trustees of Lutheridge,

Secretary, the Board of Trustees of Lutheridge

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Certificate of Merit
Presented to
Benjamin J. Bodie
For Faithful and Outstanding Service as President, 1947, 1948, 1949

South Carolina Brotherhood Honors Past Pres. Bodie

In the ULCA he is:

Member, Executive Committee of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement.

In the Brotherhood he is:

Past President of the Conference Brotherhood,

Past Treasurer of the Synodical Brotherhood,

Past President of the Synodical Brotherhood. (While President of the Synodical Brotherhood sufficient money was raised by the Brotherhood to permit the building of three beautiful brick churches).

In community affairs he is:

Member of the Exchange Club,

Past Master of F. & A. M.

Seven times past patron of O.E.S.

At present, Patron of O.E.S.

Clarence L. Sox

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Thanks

Glenolden, Pa.

Dear Brother Bader:

Enclosed find check for One Dollar and Fifty Cents ($1.50) for renewal of my LUTHERAN MEN subscription for this year.

Here's wishing you lots of success in your job, and the Brotherhood in its planning, winning the unsaved, and reclaiming the lapsed members for Christ.

Sincerely yours,
Andrew D. Getchun

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Faith Boosters Bulletin

Our hearty congratulations come to the Brotherhood of Faith Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo., for their fine monthly bulletin. The first issue of this attractive news sheet contains a roster of committees, coming events and a schedule of sports activities.

This item caught our eye: "Do you know that 364 **men** are members of Faith and that the average attendance in 1949 was 340?" We wonder how many congregations can boast of an average attendance of 94 per cent of their men at church services.

The officers of Faith Lutheran Brotherhood are:

President: August H. Leu

Vice President: Walter E. Bischoff

Treasurer: Oscar Wellhoener

Secretary: Wilbur C. Steinkamp

Directors: Harry Grannemann, Henry Koehrer and Charles Hohman.

CORRECTION

The February issue of LUTHERAN MEN on page 11 carried a photo of the men's group which attended the Camp Nawaka Retreat. Through an oversight the group was identified as coming from The Holy Comforter Lutheran Brotherhood, "Baltimore, Md." instead of "Washington, D.C.". We apologize to the District of Columbia Brotherhood for this mistake.

The Brotherhood In Action . . . .

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Evangelize–

(3) Increase Attendance at Church Services

This third objective aims to stimulate church attendance. In congregational worship we approach God collectively in gratitude and devotion for His mercy and grace. This is the most important event of the week. Most of the perplexing problems would fade into insignificance if the membership would worship regularly in spirit and truth. If the members of our churches were more faithful in their church attendance, the unsaved would be more easily won.

Here are a few suggestions to increase the church attendance:

1. The Worship Service must be appealing and helpful. The preacher must preach a well prepared Gospel sermon. The organist and choir will draw worshippers by rendering harmonious and inspiring music. The ushers by their cordiality and friendly attitude can create an atmosphere of welcome. The faithful can do much to make others want to come again. For the church attendance to increase, the service must draw like a magnet.

The men of the Brotherhood can help to develop the right conditions for church attendance by singing in the choir, ushering, serving on the Welcome Committee or simply helping to make neighbors in the pew feel that they are wanted.

2. The Church Property must be well kept and attractive. Men should take pride in the appearance of the church. The interior must be clean. Dirty, smoke covered walls or a dreary atmosphere are not conductive to a good church attendance. The exterior should attract and be inviting. The building should be in good paint and the yard and pavement clean. Cigarette and cigar butts do not invite worshippers.

Men should take an interest in the appearance of the church. They can help to improve it. Many a church has been enhanced by men who did landscaping and painting.

3. When your house is in order, you invite company. So, when your church is ready you will want to invite others to attend its services. The indifferent church members, like the unchurched, need to be specially invited to attend.

a. A personal invitation is always the best. The Brotherhood could appoint a committee to organize a procedure. Men on their own initiative can always seek out those who do not attend and give them a sincere invitation.

b. Telephone calls cost little, take little time and are effective.

c. Letter and postal cards help.

4. Business believes in advertising. Why not the church? That

which you believe is worth broadcasting.

a. Newspapers go into practically all our homes. Give them news items about activities in the church. Carry an attractive advertisement.

b. Church Bulletins are not an expensive medium of contact. To give them only to those who are present on Sunday is limiting their use. They should be sent to every home. Divide your parish into districts and have a young person deliver them and mail them to those living outside of the parish.

c. Circulars, letters, posters and tracts can be used effectively.

5. Church attendance stimulating plans have been tried successfully.

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Scouting in Texas

As Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 113, sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood of Victoria, Texas, I have a little information I would like to pass on to you, to be used as you see fit.

The Victoria District, a part of the Gulf Coast Council in Corpus Christi, Texas, has a contest each year in advancement. A trophy is awarded to the troop with the highest advancement record, for that year.

In 1948 Troop 107, the troop sponsored by the Methodist Church, won the award. Although this is the second year in operation, Troop 113, the Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood Troop, won the award with 229 per cent in advancement with Troop 107 being second with 183 per cent. There were eight troops participating in this contest.

Troop 113 was organized two years ago from discussion of a topic in LUTHERAN MEN and, through the help of God, has continued to grow.

Would you please send me some information on the **Pro Deo et Patria** Award since I think we have some scouts that could qualify for it.

The Scoutmaster who did such a wonderful job of organizing the troop and helping the boys to win the award is C. R. Larson.

J. E. Stubbs,
Asst. Scoutmaster

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Brooklyn Dodger Stars Receive Bibles

"Jackie" Robinson (right) and Roy Campanella, Brooklyn Dodger baseball stars, receive Bibles as the sign up as members of the New York Bible Society. The presentation was made by its Vice- President, Harold B. Pretlove, on the occasion of the Society's 140th anniversary.

LUTHERAN BOY SCOUTS

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER, Director

Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.
Headquarters, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
DR. GEORGE A. EICHLER, Editor

A National Jamboree

will be held at historic Valley Forge, (twenty miles northwest of Philadelphia), June 30 through July 6, 1950. Here will gather thousands of Scouts from every state in the union and from many other countries in activities and fellowship which will never be forgotten.

Valley Forge, camping ground for Washington's tattered Continental Army during the winter of 1777, is surely a suitable place for Scouts to camp and learn the sacrifice that was required of the founding fathers of the country in the establishment of our liberty. Here is a good place to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty", the objective of the Boy Scouts of America for 1949 and 1950.

There are many thousands of Scouts within easy reach of Valley Forge. Every unit should make an effort to send one Scout to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge this summer. It is true that a considerable sum of money will be required. Make it a troop project to send a Scout. He will have a thrill of a life time and will return with much to say to those of the Troop who could not go. Think this over seriously, and then act. Your local council will be able to give you all the details necessary to carry out this project.

Now Is The Time

to start planning for summer camping for your Scouts. We have written frequently in this column on the importance of camping for Scouts. At the risk of being criticised for repeating we say again that camping cannot be omitted from Scouting without doing great harm to the whole program. So make your plans now for overnight hikes, camporees and other out of door activities. Join with your local council in its camping activities. This will make your job easier because all the general plans will have been made for you by the leaders of your local council. All you have to do is get your own unit ready and join the other groups under the leadership of your council.

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Rest in the Lord my soul;
Commit to him thy way.
What to thy sight seems dark as
night,
To him is bright as day.
Rest in the Lord my soul;
He planned for thee thy life,
Brings fruit from rain, brings good
from pain,
And peace and joy from strife.

—Maltbie D. Babcock,
Biblical Recorder

Lutheran Men In Bible Study Classes . .

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Values of Discussion

Discussion is an interchange of acts and views, with the purpose of timulating thought and finding olutions to problems. It follows no et pattern. But it must have facts nd principles with which to deal. Mere uninformed talk gets us nowhere. Ideas and problem-solutions cannot be picked out of the air.

Neglect of Discussion

We humans are a crazy lot. We ry to follow the easy way. But discussion that is worthwwhile is not easy. It demands better leadership han does lecturing, and it calls for nore preparation. In lecturing the eacher has his own way, right or vrong. But in discussion he must be eady whatever comes, and to meet t without equivocation. Real discussants are thinkers — not to be dismissed lightly. But the tendency f the teacher to talk too much goes n — it's hard to stop. The inveterate ecturer shies away from preparaion for discussion — it's hard to break out of the old groove and put n the real labor that is required for liscussion leading. Preparation for liscussion-leading involves anticiation of many turns of thought, acion, and expression.

What Discussion Can Do

A discussion lesson may degenrate into a farce — and is likely to do so — if the teacher isn't ready and the class isn't informed on the topic. But if both teacher and class are ready much good can result. Opportunity for members of the class to express themselves is afforded, and such expression helps each to clarify his own thinking. Each one's speaking — if he talks sense — stimulates the thinking of others. How dependent we are upon others — even for help in our own thinking!

Interchange of facts and opinions in class helps all to see the various angles to the topic or problem. That is good, for sound conclusions depend largely upon seeing the total picture rather than a mere segment. With the presentation of a wide range of facts and a variety of interpretations, we have a good chance to escape from the narrow groove of our own restricted ways of thinking and feeling.

Readiness for Discussion

If the largest values of discussion are to be realized both class and leader have to be prepared. A heavy responsibility rests upon the leader. In order to be ready a teacher ought to begin preparation at least two weeks in advance — he ought always to be working on two lessons, next Sunday's and that of the following Sunday. Both leader and

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TOPIC OF THE MONTH

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Topic for April, 1950

ACTION – LUTHERANS!

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Frank M. Brown is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He served as pastor at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, Endicott, New York, 1922-1924, and as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Philadelphia, Pennsylvaina, 1924-1931; as Director of the Luther Hospice, and pastor of the Inner Mission Society of Philadelphia, 1931-1941; as chaplain, U. S. Army, 1941-1946; CRALOG Commissioner for Lutheran World Action in the United Lutheran Church in America, 1948- to date. His present duty is to tell pastors and people, especially Lutheran World Action Directors, about the suffering and needs of people in war-torn countries, and to tell them what is done with the money and the material aid that Lutheran World Action has sent overseas.

AIM: To get people to recognize the great blessings and talents most of us have in the United States and Canada, and to quicken them to share these talents with the neediest in the name of Christ, and for his sake.

Suggestions for the Discussion Leader

1. Use the topic material which follows, supplemented by material describing the most recent developments, as the basis of a discussion of the whole Lutheran World Action Program. The questions found at the close of this topic may be assigned in advance to individuals who are to be prepared to begin the discussion. Allow ample opportunity for any member to speak who has a contribution to make to the discussion.

2. Look through old files of church publications and clip pictures depicting various phases of service rendered by Lutheran World Action. Mount these pictures and display them at the Brotherhood meeting. Be prepared to comment on the pictures. Later share the pictures with the members of the Sunday school, or the entire congregation. At the very least the pictures should be placed on the bulletin board or some other place where they can be seen by all.

3. Invite someone who has been outstandingly active in the work of Lutheran World Action to speak at the April

eeting. Invite neighboring Brotherpods to join you in this meeting.

4. Make use of some of the audiosual aids described below. Note the me required for each. If they are sed the meeting might well be made a ublic meeting. Invite all members of e congregation and members of the eighboring Brotherhoods. It might be etter to use the audio-visual aids at me time other than the regular rotherhood meeting, otherwise the pic material will have to be disrded.

Here are the audio-visual aids that ill prove most helpful in connection ith this meting.

a. ANSWER FOR ANNE
(16 mm. sound, 38 minutes)

The theme of this picture is the ettlement of displaced persons. The ot centers around Anne, a young high hool girl, who is assigned to write a hool essay on the topic, "Should our wn take in DP's?" Overseas seuences were filmed in DP Camp Vala, Germany. Practical applications of e film are suggested in a follow-up lder, "Now That You Have Seen nswer for Anne," to be distributed mediately after the picture is shown.

b. TOWARD A BETTER VORLD
(16 mm. sound, 28 minutes)

A film designed to promote further ving to Lutheran World Relief by owing that Christian action is the ief bulwark against the forces of suffring and evil in the world today. The icture illustrates the great need for hysical relief abroad and shows how utheran World Relief is helping to meet the need. Also included in a sequence of shots from the Easton, Pa., warehouse used by Lutheran World Relief, showing how gifts are processed before being sent abroad. This film is sure to encourage your program of giving to Lutheran World Relief.

c. MARCH OF FAITH
(16 mm. sound, 44 minutes)

An authentic on-the-spot report showing how Lutheran World Action funds are actually used. Most of the film sequences were made for Lutheran World Action by special camera crews taking pictures in eight countries. The Lund Assembly for Lutheran World Federation furnishes a "frame" for the story, which emphasizes major aspects of Lutheran World Action aid: spiritual rehabilitation in Europe — including help to pastors, churches, and church welfare and educational institutions — and to the orphaned missions. Narration is by the late Dr. Ralph H. Long.

d. MISSION OF MERCY
(16 mm. sound, 32 minutes)

When Dr. Michelfelder returned from Europe, some said "Tell your story in every one of our congregations." Impossible to do personally, here is the powerful message in visible living form with ample documentary shots to stir the most apathetic audience. The late Dr. Dan Nelson of China brings a heart-warming tale of heroism on the mission field.

e. LOVE WILL ANSWER
(35 mm. filmstrip, color, with record, 15 minutes)

People who see these 52 koda-

chromes should appreciate DP's as "Desirable People," worth the effort it takes to find job and housing for them. The film also depicts church rehabilitation in Europe, and Lutheran World Relief activities.

f. WILL THEIR DAY COME SOON?

(35 mm. filmstrip, black and white, with record, 15 minutes.)

The plight of displaced persons is movingly portrayed, based upon a script by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Hong. Dr. Hong organized the Lutheran World Federation's spiritual service to refugees in Germany.

g. WHILE IT IS DAY

(35 mm. filmstrip, black and white, with records, 26 minutes.)

This flim strip shows how the principle of "self-help," in operation in both physical and spiritual aspects of Lutheran World Action aid in Europe, is used to restore large numbers of our brethren there. The strip also covers orphaned missions.

Worship

HYMN, "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"—No. 471 C.S.B., or No. 339 P.S.H.
SCRIPTURE: I Thess. 1:2-10
FREE PRAYER
SPECIAL MUSIC
HYMN, "Thou, whose Almighty Word"—No. 217 C.S.B., or No. 162 P.S.H.

The Topic

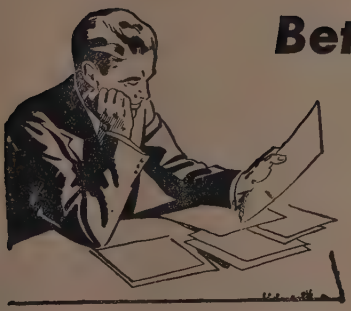
"Action" is the right word to use in describing Lutheran World Action. It makes us think of our Lord's command to "work today in his vineyard," of putting our talents to work, of sowing the seed, and of going and teaching all nations.

The Organization

Lutheran World Action was born in 1939 as the result of vision of leaders of the National Lutheran Council. These men saw the rapid increase in industry, the large number of unchurched people in new housing areas, the men and women entering the armed services, and the desperate plight of orphaned missions. They saw the need of united action on the part of all Lutheran church bodies to meet the new needs. The one common agency which existed to serve all these church groups was the National Lutheran Council. These men remembered the work the National Lutheran Council had done after the first world conflict, the first Lutheran World Convention at Eisenach, the second at Copenhagen, the third at Paris, and the disappointment that the fourth convention had to be postponed because of the international disturbances. They knew that our pastors and people would have to be stimulated to help bear the burdens of the weak, and of those who for various reasons were unable to carry on their Christian obligations. So the representatives of the eight church bodies of the National Lutheran Council drew up plans and adopted Lutheran World Action. Each church body assumed a portion of the total goal for the year and assigned quota goals to the various synods of the different church bodies. The amount of $1,441,214 was raised between 1939 and 1942. The money helped to provide pastors and chapels for new housing areas, aid to chaplains in the armed forces, and aid to orphaned missions.

Services that Are Remembered

From 1943 to 1945 $5,297,291 was contributed, and from 1946 to 1948



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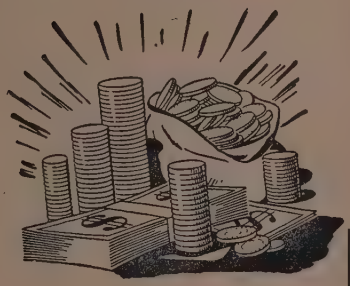

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$14,500,000. In addition, eight and a half million dollar worth of used clothing, shoes, food, and medicines were contributed to Lutheran World Relief and given to the neediest people in war-torn areas of the world. This money and material aid was given to Lutheran World Action by the members of the eight bodies of the National Lutheran Council. From 1941 to 1945 some of this money was used to staff and equip Lutheran Service Centers. At one time there were eighty-six such centers in operation. Here the men and women who were in the service found Christian companionship, a clean and comfortable place to stay while on leave, and a Lutheran pastor to strengthen their faith and bring them the ministry of the sacraments. Some of the contributions were used to purchase Lutheran Service Books, Bibles, tracts, pastors' field communion kits, and stationery for those in the service. No other church so faithfully followed and assisted its men and women who were in the armed services. Lutheran World Action, through its Service Commission, did such an outstanding work that many have come back to civilian life more active and consecrated Christians. They appreciate the fact that their church stood by them in their hours of loneliness and danger.

Some of the money was used to assist the American Mission Board in providing teachers, pastors, Sunday schools, day schools, and vacation schools in the crowded defense housing areas in the United States. Still other Lutheran World Action funds were used for emergency welfare services, caring for Lutherans in veterans' hospitals, refugees, and providing Lutheran welfare agencies in strategic areas of the United States that were ready to assist in times of serious emergency.

Orphaned Missions

Many missions were cut off from their mother societies in Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Germany. Since 1940 Lutheran World Action has spent more than two million dollars to continue these missions. After the war the mission societies of Norway and Denmark took back their mission stations. They thanked us for saving them and they offered to help carry some of the burden of the remaining orphaned missions of the Finnish and German societies. So the bread cast upon the waters returned multiplied and blessed.

Among the orphaned missions and younger churches which still need help is the Batak Lutheran Church on the Island of Sumatra. This church numbers half a million brown-skinned natives. They are Lutherans and need the continued guidance of the missionaries, medical doctors, teachers, and nurses from the Rhenish Mission Society.

The Lutheran stake in Palestine is a large one. The Syrian orphanage, home for the blind, hospital, home for the aged, seminary, trade school, and deaconess motherhouse are in danger of being turned over to commercial interests. This Lutheran work was maintained largely from contributions coming from Germany. These sources of income were totally cut off in 1939. Since then rival forces have occupied the building. We have filed a protest

nd have petitioned that these build-
gs and the responsibility for the spiri-
ual work be turned over to the Lu-
heran World Federation. All Luther-
ns of the world could then share in
he restoration of this fine work in the
loly Land. The Israelite government
as indicated its intention to respect
eligious property and holy places.

Other orphaned missions are being
aintained in Africa, India, China,
apan, and New Guinea. They number
82 missionaries, and 1,133,668 mem-
ers, and have a property value of forty
illion dollars. This work of saving the
rphaned missions is a great victory for
hristianity. It needs our continued
rayers and gifts.

Material and Spiritual Aid

From 1946 to 1948 $14,500,000 was
ven to Lutheran World Action, plus
ght and a half million dollars' worth
used clothing, shoes, food, medicine,
ain, cotton, and wool. These gifts
ere used to give aid to the neediest
eople. Pastors and deaconesses re-
ived clothing, Bibles, and Cate-
isms. Some received bicycles in order
travel. Catechists received food,
nall Catechism and Testaments. Hos-
tals, old folks' homes, theological
eminaries, and training schools re-
ived help so that the servants of the
ood Shepherd could go about and
ring the Gospel of hope and love to
ose who were broken in body and
irit. In 1946 and 1947 aid was given
the needy in fifteen different coun-
ies of Europe, and in China, Japan,
ew Guinea, and Australia.

The material aid given consisted of
od for the sick, the aged, and for
children; used army blankets for refu-
gees; medicines such as insulin, peni-
cillin, and streptomyacin; special baby
food and cod liver oil; shoe repair kits;
used clothing, shoes, and raw materials.
Touching scenes marked the distribu-
tions. When a new supply arrived the
Lutheran pastor would get a committee
together to decide who were the needi-
est persons in the community. Even if
these people were Catholics or unbe-
lievers; if they were the neediest they
received notice to appear at the dis-
tribution center on a certain day. There
the people were told. "This food or
clothing is a gift of love from the Lu-
therans of the United States and Can-
ada." The people thanked God for the
help, and they asked that their thanks
be returned to the givers. Many mothers
were saved from the depths of despair
by such gifts. Suits of warm clothing
have extended the lives of those
now wearing them. Blankets helped to
keep warm many thousands of refugees
who in the winter slept in the cold sum-
mer hotels along the shores of the
North Sea. Shoe repair kits gave self
help to many unemployed refugees and
prisoners of war. These men in turn
were able to repair thousands of pairs
of worn shoes. Wheat and soya beans
were made into foodstuffs, and turned
into bread and given to the under-
nourished. Cotton and wool were wov-
en into cloth and made into clothing
and given to the neediest people in the
name of Jesus Christ. Cod liver oil
was sent to Europe and Japan for un-
dernourished children suspected of hav-
ing tuberculosis. Layettes were sent to
hospitals and baby clinics, and were

distributed one to each mother who had no clothes for her new-born baby. This work of helping people to help themselves has carried with it the love of Christ, and it has helped these people to be more Christian, and to persevere in carrying their crosses and following Him.

Displaced Persons

In 1948, just as Lutheran World Action was setting up its appeal for four million dollars for 1949, the United States Congress passed a law authorizing 205,000 displaced persons to come to the United States, provided the citizens of the United States would secure jobs and housing assurance for these people. Thirty-five thousand of these are Protestant DP's, for whom we must provide job and housing assurances. Some of these "Delayed Pilgrims" have braved the dangers of flight from their homes, and then spent three or four years in miserable camps. Much preparatory work for their admittance into the United States had already been done in the DP camps of Europe by Dr. Howard Hong and his assistants. In 1949 a larger program for the resettlement of DP's in North America, South America, Australia, and Africa, was set up under the direction of Dr. Stewart Herman, with offices at Geneva. His office is seeking open doors for DP's in the above-mentioned countries. It is our church's duty to see that a fair proportion of the Lutheran DP's have a chance to qualify. We in the United States and Canada need to furnish the job and housing assurances for the Protestant DP's who are to come to our countries.

The task is far from finished. We need more action. There still exists a need for used clothing and shoes, for certain medicines, and for child-feeding projects in some areas. Lutheran World Action provided the food that supplied an extra meal a day, for ninety days, for 120,000 underfed children in eight cities in the Russian Zone of Germany. Over 8,000 Kiddies' Kits have been given to the underprivileged children of Europe, China, and Japan.

The question that is sometimes raised is "Will this do any good in counteracting the aggressive atheistic Russian policy?" Yes, our efforts have done and will do, much good in giving hope and strength to people who need encouragement and help. Without our aid they will surely perish or become communistic. None of the Lutheran World Action help gets into the black market, or is used for barter. It is given only to the neediest people. At the time this is being written, the people in the Russian Zone of Germany are indigested with the unemployment and the shortage of food and clothing that one thousand Germans daily leave behind them their property (except what they can wear and carry) and flee across the border into the English and American Zones. Lord have mercy upon the grasping clutch of any Christian who cannot see the joy of helping people in such need and distress!

Our Opportunity

Never before in the history of Christianity have we been able to send help so quickly and so far. Never before were the doors so wide open to the ministry of mercy and love. *Action*

utherans! We dare not neglect the se of our talents. If we do not help ow, can we blame these people if ey turn to atheistic sources for help? hank God, we have not neglected our pportunities. People in Europe, China, nd Africa know that the Lutherans in orth America have come to their as- stance. They have told their children f the countles gifts of love which have een sent them in their darkest hour.

The greatest potential of Lutheran orld Action is the strengthening of e bond of Lutheran fellowship rough these efforts and through the mmon interest of all Lutherans. The fferings of Bishop Ordass in Hun- ary became part of our cross, as we rayed for his release and brought him piritual help in his suffering. The dif- culties of the Finnish Lutheran hurch and its pastors and people be- ame matters of our common concern. he hardships and perils of our pas- rs, deaconesses, nurses, missionaries, nd other workers in Africa, India, hina, Japan, and restless Europe be- ame the deep concern of the Luther- n World Federation, and each Lu- eran church and its pastor and peo- le.

The Lutheran World Action quota f congregations has not been large. In ost cases it amounted to less than 2.75 per communicant member. This f course was over and above our reg- ar church expenses and benevolences. ut this extra $2.75 at times saved ves. It gave an undernourished child n extra meal per day for sixty days. It ok desperately needed medicine to a ck mother. It clothed a cold and shiv- ering girl. These are the pictures that should be in our minds as we release the Christian potential of love within us. We must share our talents with these very needy persons, even with the least of God's own.

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Questions for Discussion

1. When was Lutheran World Action started?

2. During the war years, what were the major efforts of Lutheran World Action?

3. What world-wide additional work was assumed after the end of hostilities?

4. How much money was contributed to Lutheran World Action from 1946 to 1948, and what was the value of used clothing, food, and other supplies sent to needy lands overseas?

5. What are orphaned missions, and in what areas of the world do they exist?

6. How many Protestant DP's are there available to come to the United States?

7. What can our Brotherhood do to help get a DP family to the United States?

8. Why should every congregation try to raise its Lutheran World Action quota goal, and conduct a used clothing drive?

9. How does Lutheran World Action help the Lutheran World Federation?

Closing Worship

HYMN, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"—No. 235 C.S.B., or No. 169 P.S.H.

PRAYER, including the Lord's Prayer

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(Project for the May Meeting)

1. Form a film committee to get information on what films are available, and help the Sunday school, Luther League, and other organizations make wise selections. The committee may also include men who will serve as projectionists when necessary.

2. Conduct a subscription drive to bring the church paper into every home in the congregation. Conduct a five-minute quiz monthly or bi-monthly, to bring members up to date on what has happened in their own church body, in other Lutheran bodies, and in the church throughout the world.

3. Have a special "press and radio relations committee" contact local newspapers and radio stations to discuss possibilities of increased co-operation. Have specific ideas to present if you find them receptive.

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South Africa's racial policies drew ire from delegates from the United Nations, and as the **New York Times** editorially scored South Africa's expansionist ambitions," the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church deplored -"agitation" against racial segregation, supported the government's apartheid policy, and claimed Divine Guidance for the actions. According to RNS the Synod declared that "God has blessed our policy and our work, and this inspires us to continue on this road to the Glory of God." It is difficult to see how any Christian church could support any policy of racial superiority. If Hitler were living he would send his blessing upon the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa.

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Values of Discussion . . .

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students need to have facts, and they can't be had except by study, observation, and reflection. And a class has to be ready also with open minds — prejudices and intolerance make learning impossible. And with all else, a class needs to hold a general feeling of good will within it — a fine spirit on the part of each toward each and all. In such a friendly, informed, avid atmosphere men and women can learn and develop in Christian faith and living.

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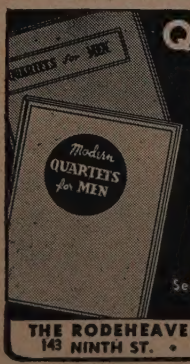

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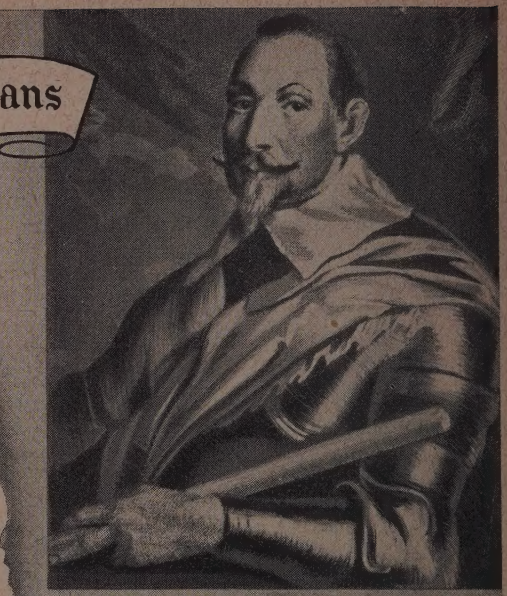

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